

Amendments to the Specification:

Support for following amendments to the specification may be found, for example, at page 1 paragraph [0018]. Please insert the following paragraph at page 1 after paragraph [0009], as follows:

Figure 3 illustrate a proxy signaling server consistent with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

Support for following amendments to the specification may be found, for example, in original claim 1. Please amend the paragraph at page 2 paragraph [0020], as follows:

When a subscriber initially establishes a broadband connection, the subscriber is provided a default connection. The default connection between a subscriber data processing system and a content-provider data processing system 145 comprises ~~is formed by an~~ ATM permanent virtual circuit (PVC). The default connection is an always-on connection that connects the subscriber's CPE to other elements of the communication system 100. If a subscriber wants to initiate a BoD session, the subscriber directs the client-side application 107 to initiate the session. In response, the client-side application 107 sends a request to the connection-management application 142 residing on the proxy signaling server 140. The connection-management application 142 then communicates on behalf of the subscriber with the ATM edge device 120, or another UNI capable network device, to create one or more dynamic VCs to supplement the subscriber's default connection. Once a BoD session has been initiated, the subscriber may modify or release the session by directing the client-side application 107 accordingly.